Acquisition of American attack helicopters by Pakistan

128. SHRI DINA NATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps Government are contemplating to counter Pakistan's acquisition of American attack helicopters;

(b) the weapon-delivery system these helicopters are equipped with and how high and deep these can fly; and

(c) what is our threat perception in regard to this development?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) The characteristics of these Helicopters are:—

(i)	Maximum Speed	315 Kilometers per hour
(ii)	Ceiling	3720 Meters
(iii)	Maximum Range	507 Kilometers
(iv)	Armament	8 numbers 2-Tow Missiles or 76 numbers 2.75 inches rockets 20 mm three barrel cannon with 750 Rounds

The requirements of our Armed Forces are reviewed continuously for induction of modernized weapons and weapon systems keeping in view the threat perception prevailing strategic environment, emerging technologies and availability of funds. It is not in the interest of national security to disclose further details in this regard.

Spurious Liquor

129. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that spurious liquor is being sold clandestinely in capital market as genuine Indian Made Foreign Liquor, issued by the Canteen Stores/Department;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Military police has recently arrested a few persons found involved in the sale of such spurious liquor in the capital; and